Government of Fabrikistan

Fabrikistan is a country in Southeast Asia with a population that is 90% Muslim. The government has been run by a nominally Muslim but predominantly secular, modernizing elite. Its president was a former general, who while still in his thirties, seized power with military support "to restore order" about 20 years ago. The government is proud of the country's high public order and low crime rate in its capital city and attributes it to the success of its draconian punishments for even minor disruptions of public order.

No opposition parties are legal but the government is faced with sporadic acts of violence, led by the Fabrikistan Islamic Jihad (FIJ). The government has used a substantial amount of its revenue to purchase arms from the United States to suppress this movement. It has little revenue to support programs to alleviate malnutrition, inadequate shelter, and disease. It does, however, provide subsidies to keep the purchase of rice and one or two other basic foods affordable.

Fabrikistan has attracted large amounts of foreign investment. Chic Duds International (CDI) manufactures over 70% of its athletic shoes and youth apparel in Fabrikistan factories.

Frames

The Government is generally sympathetic to the following frames: UNFETTERED MARKETS and GLOBALIZATION WITH A HUMAN FACE.

Access Rule

The following teams have automatic access: **A-Team, CDI**. You can choose whether or not to meet with any other teams.

Success Indicators:

Domestic Elite Support (DES): This begins at 100 and is raised by actions that increase the stability and power of the regime and is lowered by actions that increase opposition to the regime.

External Investor Support (EIS): This begins at 100 and is raised by actions that increase the confidence of the international financial community in the reliability of investments in and the repayment of loans by Fabrikistan. It is lowered by actions that decrease this confidence.

Popular Support (PS): This begins at 100 and is increased by actions that increase the income and working conditions of workers and peasants and is reduced by actions that decrease their income or make working conditions worse.

Cultural Support (CS): This begins at 100 and is increase by actions that protect and enhance the relative strength of local Islamic culture and is decreased by actions that enhance the relative strength of Western culture in Fabrikistan.

Overall Success = (2DES + 2EIS + PS + CS/ 6

Recommended to read and print out from Resource Kit:

You should make hard copies of the following parts of the Resource Kit to read ahead of time or bring with you to the game sessions:

*** Glossary of Technical Terms.
*** UNFETTERED MARKET and GLOBALIZATION WITH A HUMAN FACE frames.
*** A-Team Special Programs: SDRM
*** SAPs (Structural Adjustment Programs).
*** International Labor Organization (ILO) Fundamental Conventions.
*** WHO (World Health Organization)

Notes:

Fabrikistan is not based on any single country in the real world but is a composite of a number of different ones. It represents a country with a large and quiescent labor force. The authoritarian regime has strongly encouraged foreign investment. The particular cases in which it is involved are inspired by specific cases in the real world and the game simulates the particular structure of opportunities and constraints in which those real world actors were operating.

Government of Fabrikistan Action Options

The following action options are available to the government of Fabrikistan and they may adopt as many as they choose or none at all.

Actions regarding factory conditions and the fire:

____ I. No action. This is the private sector, not the government's responsibility.

(Check all those which you decide to implement)

____ II. Accept covert payments from contractors for allowing them to continue to operate while ignoring health and safety standards.

____ III. Arrest the contractors and punish them severely, making an example of them as a warning and deterrent to others.

____ IV. Provide compensation to families of victims.

____ V. Take over the textile factories and have the government run them, applying for a new loan from the A-Team to pay for the cost of bringing these factories up to safety standards.

____ VI. Institute a law-suit against CDI in U.S. courts for recovery of the government's expenses incurred in dealing with the repercussions of the fire, and for compensation to families of victims.

____ VII. Sign the ILO's Occupational Safety and Health Convention.

Actions regarding the current debt crisis:

____ VIII. Default on your currently due debt payments.

____ IX. Remove current subsidies for basic foods.

____ X. Raise taxes by 20%.

____ XI. Observe and enforce the ILO's Fundamental Conventions.

____ XII. Other (specify)[1]

[1] You should check with the game coordinator who will rule whether such an action would be possible in the real world.

Government of Fabrikistan Press Release

(This should be written on the assumption that the details of the scenario itself are already known and have been reported earlier. You should focus on the actions you have taken during Phase Three that you wish to publicize – and, if relevant, possible action that you might have taken and did not. You should emphasize those actions of your own and of others that you hope will raise your relevant success indicators.)

Fabrikistan Government Broadcast Rating Form

Fabrikistan monitors WUSA and the EuroPress and (when applicable) the Voice of Islam (VOI). It ignores the Liberation Press.

WUSA

Notes on coverage:

1. Were the actions of the Fabrikistan government covered fully and fairly from your standpoint?

_____ a. Yes. Coverage was pretty much the way we would have presented it ourselves.
_____ b. Mixed yes and no. Coverage of some of our actions was good but there were significant omissions and/or inclusion of distracting and irrelevant material.
_____ c. No, coverage missed important aspects of our actions and/or distorted other aspects.

2. To what extent would international investors be reassured or alarmed by the coverage?

_____ a. Mostly reassured.
_____ b. Mixed.
_____ c. Mostly alarmed.

3. To what extent did coverage show the Fabrikistan government to be an influential player on global policy versus ineffective or irrelevant?

_____ a. Somewhat or mostly an influential player.
_____ b. Mixed, with some influence although how significant was unclear.
_____ c. Mostly as irrelevant or ineffective.

EuroPress

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(Fabrikistan Broadcast Form continued)
EuroPress

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Voice of Islam (VOI) [when applicable]

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